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Local Boards

Alleged active assistance given by the Chingleput District Board to the Self-Respect Conference.

* 1587 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the Chingleput District Board worked under instructions from the President, in connexion with the arrangements for the Self-Respect Conference in Chingleput;

(b) whether it is a fact that the motor lorries belonging to the Chingleput District Board were used freely by the Reception Committee of the Self-Respect Conference in Chingleput; and

(c) if the Government are not aware of the facts referred to in (a) and (b), whether they will call for the same and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR:—"Will the information be placed on the table as soon as it is received?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether it is not the duty of the local body concerned to make sanitary and other arrangements?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I have always thought that it is duty of the local body concerned."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether at the time of the Congress in 1927 the Madras Corporation helped the Congress people . . ."

The hon the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether any special arrangements are to be made when the Ministers attend such conferences?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

Unsatisfactory working of Chingleput District Board Engineer's office.

* 1588 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Administration Reports of the Chingleput District Board for 1926-27 and for 1927-28 about the unsatisfactory accounts of the District Board Engineer's office; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken to rectify the accounts?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) In their review of the audit report for 1926-27 the Government have asked the President, District Board, and the District Board Engineer to take steps to ensure the maintenance of the accounts in an entirely satisfactory condition in future. The audit report for 1927-28 has not yet been received.